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1) THE EMBASSY WOULD LIKE HERewith TO REINFORCE THE
NOMINATION OF CESARE DEL PIANO FOR A GRANT UNDER THE IVP.

2) DEL PIANO HAS BEEN A STEADFAST FRIEND OF THE UNITED
STATES AND A CONSISTENT SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON THE
ITALIAN LABOR MOVEMENT. HE HAS IMPRESSED ALL, INCLUDING
THE AMBASSADOR, WITH HIS CANDOR AND GOOD SENSE. IN ADDITION,
HE IS THE STRONGEST LABOR LEADER IN THE TURIN AREA. HE HAS
BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE METALLURGICAL
AND METAL WORKERS FOR CISL IN TURIN AND REPRESENTED FIM-
CISL IN ALL THE TOP LEVEL ORGANIZATIONS WITH FIAT FROM 1966
UNTIL ASSUMING HIS PRESENT POSITION. WHILE HE HAS NATURALLY
COORDINATED HIS EFFORTS WITH THOSE OF THE OTHER TWO LABOR
CONFEDERATIONS, DEL PIANO IS, AS WE STATED PREVIOUSLY,
A "BALANCED, RESPONSIBLE LABOR ADVOCATE WHOM WE SHOULD
ENCOURAGE TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES" TO HELP STRENGTHEN THE
DEMOCRATIC LABOR MOVEMENT IN ITALY.

3) THE DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL OF DEL PIANO'S NOMINATION IS
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